

Sen. Murkowski's Education Newsletter For The Week of January 4, 2010

New Labor Market Publications

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released the 2010-11 editions of the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and the [Career Guide to Industries](#). The two publications profile hundreds of occupations and dozens of industries, respectively. Both publications also provide comprehensive, up-to-date, and reliable labor market information that has helped millions of people plan their future work lives. In addition, this information has proven invaluable to counselors, students, jobseekers, career changers, education and training officials, and researchers.

2009 What Works Clearinghouse Publications

The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) released a variety of publications throughout 2009 which can be found at the links below. A [guided tour](#) has also been added to the site so users can learn more about the WWC. [Practice Guides](#) provide practical recommendations for educators to help them address the everyday challenges they face in their classrooms and schools. [Intervention Reports](#) are comprehensive evaluations of research on the effectiveness of specific programs, products, policies, and practices used in classrooms and schools. [Quick Reviews](#) are designed to provide education practitioners and policymakers with timely and objective assessments of the quality of the research evidence from recently released research papers and reports.

National Commission on Children and Disasters Meeting

The [National Commission on Children and Disasters](#) will convene for a Long-Term Disaster Recovery Workshop on Monday, February 1, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. To attend in person, please register by 5 p.m. Eastern Time, January 28, 2010 at <http://www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov>. Participants will discuss children's access to medical care, the provision of mental health services to children, and barriers to information and data sharing during disasters. You can view the agenda of the meeting at <http://tinyurl.com/yzk3up5>. Alaskans' experiences and perspectives are represented on the Commission. Senator Murkowski recommended the nomination of Commission member Merry Carlson of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

U.S. Department of Education Tribal Listening Session on No Child Left Behind Improvements

USED held a listening session with tribal leaders on November 4, 2009 here in Washington, D.C. to solicit views on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), aka the No Child Left Behind Act. USED has provided a [summary](#) of the session, including all of the comments that were submitted by the attendees. It's a valuable and thought-provoking document. Senator Murkowski will keep these comments in mind when the Senate HELP Committee returns its attention to ESEA reauthorization. If you have additional or different thoughts about creating change in education for Alaska Native students, or recommendations for USED and Senator Murkowski about how ESEA can be strengthened to accomplish your vision for education, please submit your comments to esea.comments@ed.gov and feel free to copy Karen_McCarthy@murkowski.senate.gov to provide your comments to Senator Murkowski as well.



Sen. Murkowski with Josie Burton's 4th Grade Class in Nome, Alaska.



Lisa "tells it like it is" to Education Secretary Duncan in Anchorage.



Senator Murkowski tells stories to Bear Valley Elementary students in Anchorage.



Sen. Murkowski with students of Galena Interior Learning Academy.